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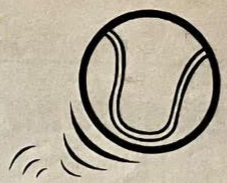

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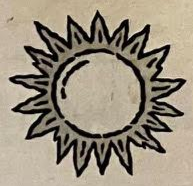

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Patrick Clark and Kunal Patel

The 1999 –2000 SSC school year carried on in the wake of Millennium mania, political controversies, Microsoft misgivings, and sports miracles, just to name a few major events. All the lights did not go out on New Year's Eve, and all those bottles of water and stored canned goods really weren't necessary for survival. Potential U. S. presidents sparred with each other and aimed the usual mud in debates and campaigns. The Elian Gonzalez controversy continues to rage on with no clear solutions in sight. Microsoft's monopoly was called to a halt, or a supposed one. Certainly there was plentiful news in the sports world, but perhaps one of the most notable happenings was the triumphant return of Andres Gallaraga to the Atlanta Braves. Early in the season, Gallaraga was leading the race for home runs. Having recovered from cancer, Gallaraga showed that miracles do happen, and SSC saw one in the recovery and return of senior Bobby Holbrook, who had been seriously injured earlier in the school year.

There were other triumphs for SSC, especially in sports. We had a great football season, but many students feel we needed more pep rallies for such an exciting season. We witnessed a growth in interest in the Brother Aubert Memorial Fishing Rodeo. The Varsity Basketball Team captured the District Championship and went on to the first round of the State Tournament. Baseball, track, soccer, tennis, golf, and swimming teams all enjoyed good seasons. A popular improvement for both students and staff was one in the lunch program; the weekly menus were a hit. "You get a lot more food and they offer good seasoning," said senior Peyton Cuevas. Teacher Mrs. Cynthia Clark agreed when she said, "There is much variety, and the food is very good . I enjoy it very much."

At far right, SSC President Brother Ronald Talbot and Principal Brother Ronald Hingle lead students in the Big Brother, Little Brother Ceremony at the beginning of the school year.

Also this year we were blessed with three new Millennium Babies: Mr. Genin's baby, Mrs. Schade's baby, and Mrs. Cousin's grandchild. Yet, we know that birth is not the only part of life which we faced this year. We lost two members of our SSC family, and we still miss both Bro. Anton, and Bro. Pierre.

Also, this year the school has faced a major change. The construction and road repairs have caused the students and the parents to make some minor adjustments, but most construction should be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

One major plus for the school year is the construction of the new tennis courts which will begin on June 1st. Later on January 2nd, the construction of the new weight room will take place. These new additions to the school will still continue, allowing more access to different facilities.

President Brother Ronald Talbot had this to say about the school year

"I would characterize this year as one that has established a firm basis for further growth and progress. We have begun curriculum advancements with

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BROTHER ANTON, A TRUE BROTHER TO ALL

The SSC basketball team shows how much Brother Anton meant to them, as they present him with their District Championship trophy after the Rocks captured the crown.

By Dawson McCall

There are few people who make an impact in life the way that Brother Anton did at St. Stanislaus. Brother Anton joined the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1960, just eleven years after coming to the United States with his parents in 1949. Brother Anton made an impact on all of those with whom he came into contact, especially those whom he taught and coached. He was a great teacher, a great basketball coach, and above all a great person. As a student at St. Stanislaus, I had the opportunity to be one of those people that Brother Anton had a profound impact on. He helped teach me the importance of hard work; he showed me that confidence comes from within, and he helped me to learn the art of non-judgment and how to help instill confidence in those around me.

Brother Anton was a role model in every sense of the word, in a time period in which there are far too few people for adolescents to look up to. He exuded a sense of confidence and love which is rare in today's world. He could be brutally honest, but with a sense of caring that could settle even the most agitated of people. He lived his life with a humbleness which only he could understand, yet with such dedication that he won the respect and admiration of all of those around him.

In his last days he exhibited a courage which will be engraved in my mind's eye for an entire lifetime. Even in his time of pain, a time which most people would use as an excuse to become bitter and remorseful, Brother Anton let his love and knowledge of life be felt by all who had any contact with him over his last few days. His life came to an end on Wednesday, March 15, 2000. However, there is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to touch the lives of those in need from his place with God. Acceptance, love, and courage are three words which help to define the life of Brother Anton Sokira, a friend, teacher, leader, and a true brother to all.

NO DOUBT – RETURN OF SATURN

By: John Sumner

In No Doubt's newest release, I have found out that the band has lost its originality. Most of the songs on this LP are variations of older tunes from their self-titled album and their triple-platinum album entitled Tragic Kingdom. Of those songs that are original and unique, they are sell-out songs, created by the band to become a more "popular group" in hopes to sell more albums and lose originality, all at once. There are only two songs actually worth listening to on this CD. 'Ex-girlfriend" and "New" are in my humble opinion, the best songs on the entire CD. The rest of the songs are about as worthless as a three-legged donkey. This is a big let down for any big ska fan – for those of you who are unfamiliar with ska, it is a type of music that mixes an alternative band with wind instruments (trumpets, saxophones, etc.)-, but I guess that Tragic Kingdom was also a let down for all those old school ska fans that we all know are still reminiscing around the grassy knoll, hoping that some day there will be a ska band that won't sell out for measly fame and fortune, but stay on the outer track so they may be be worshiped by all the hardcore ska fans.

In conclusion, I must say that the actual only redeeming quality of this band is lead singer Gwen Stefani who is quite beautiful, even though she's had more makeovers that Madonna, but hey, that's just the way it is. On a scale of 1 to 10, I have this CD a 4. It was a waste of $17 and I regret that I didn't review Vanilla Ice's new CD instead. Listening to this CD was a waste of my sweet-old time.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADUATION?

By: Todd Geary

As the 99-00 school year sways to its end, I, like every other senior, give thanks that this structured day to day existence called high school is finally over. We stumble into our future making of it what we want. Many of us will most probably be looking at college. When looking at a college it's nice to assess a few aspects of that college to make sure it fits your lifestyle. Where do you want to go? What kind of learning style do you want? What are your major interests or activities? And how much can you afford?

The most important considerations in choosing a college should be what type of school will suit you best. Your college is a place where you are going to spend at least four years, and you need to give some thought to where you would most like to be. Lots of elements factor into these considerations: location, size, and general environment. Do you want to go to school in a large city, or would you be more comfortable in a small town? How do you feel about joining a fraternity? What would it be like to go to a community college?

Why do you want to go to college? Are you looking for a stimulating intellectual experience? Are you preparing for a career? These questions are somewhat important, but not everyone will always have answers. Most students don't choose their major until their sophomore year, and some people don't really decide what they want to do until their forties. I guess the most important thing now is just going to school

Earlier this week graduating senior T.J. McKeough was interviewed by local news station WLOX about his plans for next year. T.J. will be attending USM in Hattiesburg, where he will study communications. Good luck to all our graduating seniors in their college endeavors.

Top 20 National Universities (Taken from U.S. News)

1 California Institute of Technology
2 Harvard University (MA)
3 Massachusetts Inst. of Technology
4 Princeton University (NJ)
5 Yale University (CT)
6 Stanford University (CA)
7 Duke University (NC)
8 Johns Hopkins University (MD)
9 University of Pennsylvania
10 Columbia University (NY)
11 Cornell University (NY)
11 Dartmouth College (NH)
13 University of Chicago
14 Brown University (RI)
14 Northwestern University (IL)
14 Rice University (TX)
17 Washington University (MO)
18 Emory University (GA)
19 University of Notre Dame (IN)
20 University of California–Berkeley

Eighth grade student David Clayton is the owner of this creature, Boo Boo.

"THE" MINI-VAN

By Blake Bilbo

Ford Motors has plans to introduce a mini-van which is just the ticket for today's consumer who prefers being surrounded by all the so-called comforts of home.

The Ford Winstar will come equipped with a cooler drawer which will keep meats and vegetables fresh, (not to mention the body of that confused, misguided hitch-hiker you picked up 300 miles ago). A microwave in the left rear seat heats baby bottles in a jiffy. A vacuum, snack tables, even a washer-dryer can be fitted to the van (making it impossible to transport any passengers wider than 3 inches)…great idea! Ford plans to launch the "home on wheels" ASAP.

Ford came up with the idea after parents complained that driving while the kids are screaming, adults are talking on the cell phone and trying to enjoy a hot, steaming cup of coffee and keep the dog from sliding off the front seat every time a turn is made, simply wasn't distracting enough.

FEATURED CREATURES

By Keith Crawford

Panthers can weigh 90 kg. They can have one to six cubs in a litter. Panthers have one of the longest bodies of all the cat families. They also have the longest tail in relation to their bodies. Panthers are lone hunters, and though they are great swimmers and climbers, they prefer to stay on the ground. Like tigers, the Panther is a lone hunter that only gathers for courtship and breeding. The normal panther color is rosette with small black circles; these are not spots because they are "hollow" and rosette on the inside. Sometimes melanistic leopards are born into a liter. Melanistic leopards are black leopards, and they still have the circle marks, which are just covered by their dark fur. They are found mostly in wet forested areas. For some reason, Black Panthers are more aggressive than normal panthers.

The largest penguin species is the King Penguin growing to 3 1/2 inches. The smallest is the blue penguin only reaching 16 inches. The penguin's colors are very important because it hides them from predators, the black disguising them in deeper depths, and the white hides them while they are near the surface. Penguins can also stand straight thanks to their feet and spinal column. Penguin's bones are extremely heavy, which is why they cannot fly; it does make swimming easy for them. Penguins have small wings that act as paddles and help them control themselves in water.

The small lizards like to dig and are good swimmers and divers. They are very secretive and in captivity it is necessary to provide caves or slabs of bark for hiding and basking. They have a small body that is supported by weak looking legs. They are native to southern and eastern Africa and are very good swimmers and climbers. The neck is not well differentiated from the head. The tail is typically twice the length of the body. Scales are evenly arrayed in lines down and around the body. Dorsal scales are keeled while the ventral scales are smooth with little overlapping. Colors are various shades of brown with some lighter longitudinal stripes. A fold of skin is generally noted running laterally along the length of the body– this allows for expansion. These omnivores eat a variety of small vertebrates and invertebrates as well as greens and small amounts of fruits such as worms, crickets, mouse pinkies, cantaloupe, oranges and kale. The plated lizards become rather tame fairly quickly. While they appear cumbersome and slow, they are capable of very fast movement and, when acclimated, feed well and have been observed to steal food from larger lizards.

TENNIS ACES ANOTHER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

The SSC Tennis team celebrates after a long day at the District Tournament.

By Kunal Patel

The SSC tennis team finished its season with high marks, but it was a great challenge for the team to overcome some obstacles along the way. First of all, the team started its season without one of its best players, Scott Wallace, who graduated last May. Next, injuries plagued two members of the team, Phil Marino and Garrett Mann, both doubles players. Garrett was unable to play and had to drop out in the last week of competition, but Phil Marino overcame his injury and played all the way to the state finals. The highlight for the team was winning the district title for the third time in a row.

Tennis Coach, Mr. Myron Labat, said, "Persevering is the word I would use to characterize this year's team. This team persevered through losing six matches during the regular season to teams that, in past seasons, presented no major problems for us. But our perseverance paid off by allowing us to collect our third consecutive District Championship and make a respectable showing at the State Tournament.

The most encouraging thing about this season for me as a coach is that we were able to get some valuable playing time along the way for our younger players such as Chris Williams, Padrick Dennis, Chris Spinoza, Michael Carter, Carlos Goff, Drew Cranford, and Kunal Patel, who will all be pressed into Varsity service next year.

Our graduating seniors Garrett Mann, Bryce Labat, and Phil Marino, will definitely be missed, but our returning lettermen will work hard beginning this spring to prepare for the 2001 season."

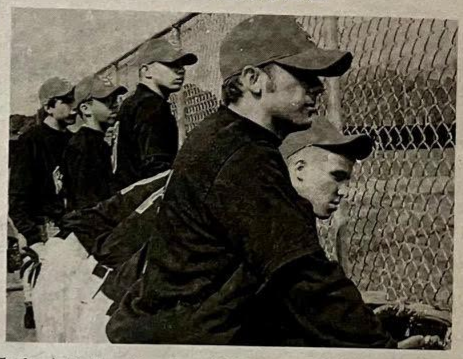
CLEAVES, SENIORS LEAD SPARTANS TO CHAMPIONSHIP

By Dawson McCall

The Michigan State Spartans fulfilled the dreams of many with their championship run this year. None, however, more than the hopes of senior point guard Mateen Cleaves. The senior All-Big Ten point guard had eighteen points to lead the Spartans to victory in the NCAA Championship game. Along with seniors Morris Peterson and A.J. Granger, Cleaves and the Spartans rolled past the Florida Gators in the championship game of the NCAA tournament. Granger, Cleaves, and Peterson combined for fifty-eight points, twenty-six rebounds, and eleven assists (seven of those coming by the hands of Cleaves himself). The trio of seniors showed why they were favored to win the trophy with leadership that is expected from three seasoned veterans of their caliber. Juniors Charlie Bell and Andre Hutson also contributed to the victory with eleven and thirteen points respectively, while Bell, a shooting guard, pulled down seven boards, four of them coming on the offensive end. However, it was obvious that it was the seniors' night. Whenever the Spartans needed a basket, one of the three seniors stepped up and provided the leadership, both by play and emotion, needed by the team. The three seniors of 2000 of the Michigan State Spartans basketball team will be remembered for a long time to come, and their dedication to the game of basketball is appreciated by all.

Congratulations to the SSC Golf Team. They won the district championship for the 7th time in the past eight years. Finished 14th in the State out of 63 Class AAAA teams.

SSC BASEBALL



The Lewis Brothers, Brandon and Jeremy, view the game in anticipation.

By Peyton Cuevas

Head coach Will Seymour along with his assistant coaches David Morgan and Luke Weems led the baseball rocks to a very successful season. Although the team did not go all the way this year, they played very well. Listed below are some of this year's team and player stats.

Batting

Brandon Lewis: 29 hits, 20 runs, 13 RBI, 1 HR
Neil Favre: 34 hits, 9 runs, 35 RBI, 0 HR
Joaquin Balagar: 0 hits, 3 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
Evan Coote: 19 hits, 10 runs, 10 RBI, 2 HR
Taylor Lafontaine: 17 hits, 12 runs, 11 RBI, 0 HR
Billy Bourgouis: 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
Joseph Bruno: 4 hits, 3 runs, 3 RBI, 0 HR
Gabe Willis: 3 hits, 6 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
Bryce Breland: 7 hits, 6 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
Dustin Coogan: 7 hits, 6 runs, 2 RBI, 0 HR
Jason Santiago: 26 hits, 19 runs, 18 RBI, 2 HR
Brandon Arcement: 10 hits, 11 runs, 8 RBI, 0 HR
J.R. Willis: 7 hits, 6 runs, 3 RBI, 0 HR
Lee Howard: 5 hits, 5 runs, 3 RBI, 0 HR
Mikey Ryan: 11 hits, 8 runs, 2 RBI, 0 HR
Steven Kulikowski: 1 hit, 4 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
Trey Moses: 1 hit,-3 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR

Pitching

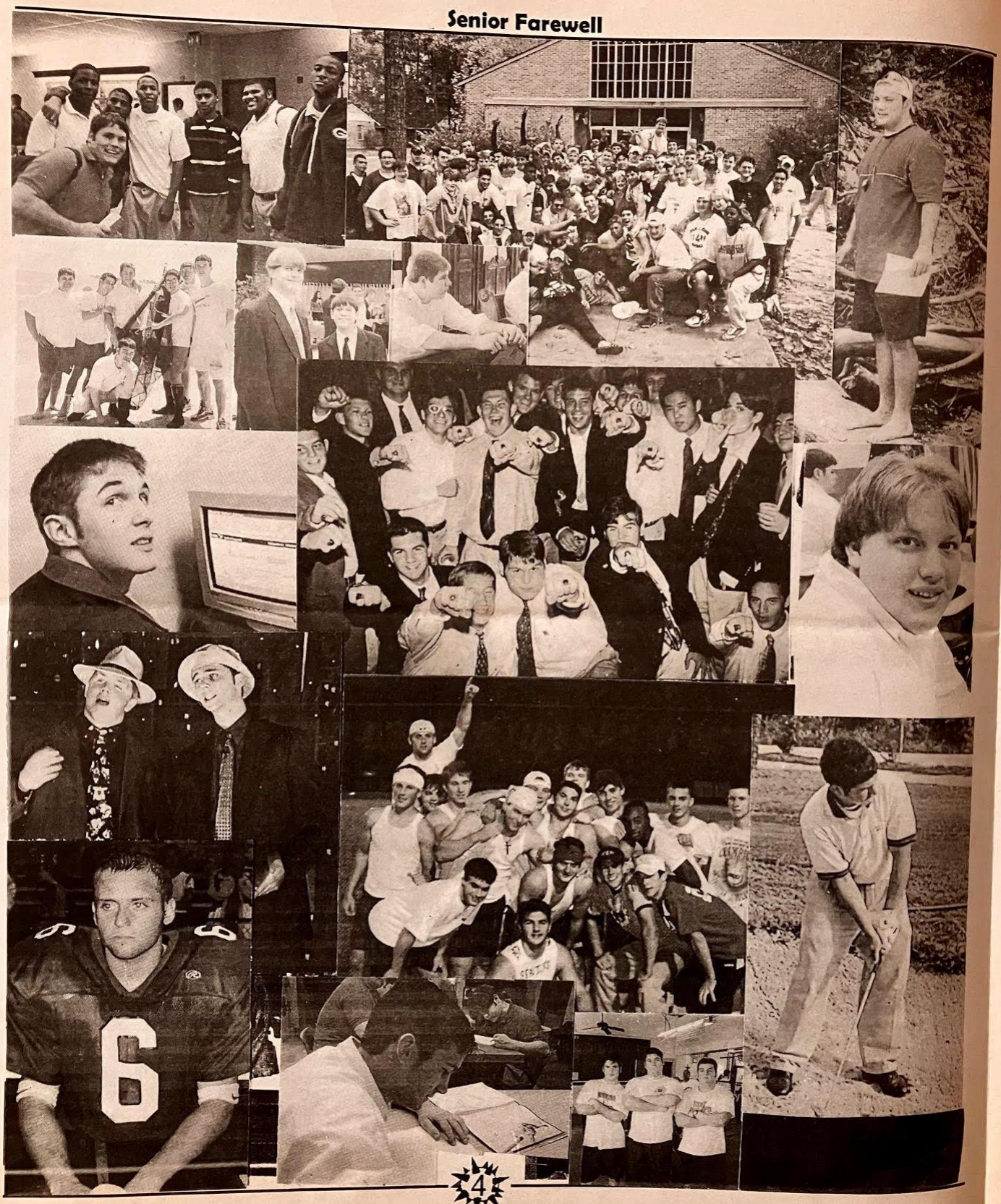
Neil Favre: 3W2L 7 SO ERA: 5.583
Justin Lowrey: 0W2L 12 SO ERA: 7.667
Brandon Arcement: 6W6L, 100 SO ERA 3.311
Brandon Lewis: 2W1L 21 SO ERA: 3.553

SAILING UPDATE

The sailing team placed 16th in Long Beach, CA. David Taylor placed 2nd in one race. Considering other teams in the competition had practiced all year, the SSC team did a great job. Here are the team members who participated in the competition:

David Taylor, Ben Puckett, Keith Puckett, Ben McMath, Jeremy Boelte, Melissa Chapaton, and Emily Taylor. Nice job, Mrs. Schmidt and team!

Senior Farewell



"GUYS AND DOLLS": GOOD TO THE EYES...

By Guy Van Slyke

From March 30-April 1st 2000, Saint Stanislaus was treated to a cultural experience. Lead actors Dustin Tasker, senior Neil Norton, Ashley Timidaiski, and Rachael Dauro blazed the way for a great rendition of the classic 1950s musical "Guys and Dolls." The story line revolved around a bet made between compulsive gambler Sky Masterson (Neil Norton) and craps game organizer Nathan Detroit (Dustin Tasker). Nathan bet Sky that he couldn't obtain a date with a militant Christian missionary woman named Sarah Brown (Rachael Dauro). Coincidentally, Miss Dauro had a notable singing voice as well as Ashley Timidaiski. The sub plot was that of the relationships between Nathan Detroit and his girl friend Adelaide (Ashley Timidaiski) and the emerging relationship of Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown. One of the definite highlights of the play was its great supporting cast. The two main supporting actors were Benny Southstreet (T.J. McKeough, Senior) and Nicely Nicely Johnson (Sam Slater, Senior), who were the dumb (Benny) and hungry (Nicely) right hand men for Nathan Detroit. Other large supporting cast roles were Chicago mobster Big Jule (John Ellis, Senior) and Harry the Horse (Trey Moses, Senior). One of the biggest highlights in the musical scores was the surprise guest appearance by Luis Duhart (the Ave Maria kid himself). The final story line revolved around the fact that Nathan (who had been engaged to Adelaide for fourteen years) was a hustler and a "bum." He would sell out his relationship over and over again to organize a good game of craps. Adelaide knew this, but she loved him. And, as we see, he loved her as well. Sky Masterson's date in Havana with Sarah Brown tuned out to be, in my opinion, the most humorous scene of the play. All in all, I thought SSC's version of "Guys and Dolls" was an extremely well practiced, well directed, and well executed high school play. It had an awesome mix of humor, drama, and singing. I think we all owe Mrs. Carr and the entire Drama department (from lead roles to stagehands) a thank you for enriching our lives with their hard work and valiant efforts.

PROM 2000

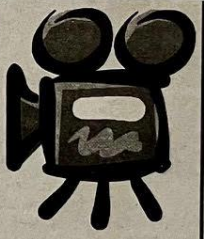
By T.J. McKeough

Despite the fact that the Junior/Senior Prom was held in the mall, it was still very enjoyable. We had eleven seniors there. That it is somewhat sad, because this is one of the big senior things. Going to the senior prom is one of the highlights of the senior year. The only reason the prom was in the mall was that not enough people bought tickets. A lot of them figured that the prom was not going to happen, so why should they go buy a ticket? Well, if people had bought tickets, then we could have had a prom in a lot nicer place. In addition, if the prom were to have been canceled then the people who bought tickets would have gotten a refund. It is not that hard to figure out. Another thing that was upsetting was that a few people who fought and fought to have the prom bailed out on it because it was in the mall. Why would someone push so hard to have something and then just drop it? This is worse than not buying a ticket. These people wanted something and later decided they were too cool for it. It shows a complete lack of commitment.

All in all, the prom was fun. Not a lot of people were there; so it was more intimate. I had fun and I am sure that the people there had fun. The seniors should enjoy the memory of their senior prom and the juniors should work towards having an even better senior prom next year.

A TREAT FOR THE SENSES

By David Billiot



The "Sixth Sense" starring Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is a thrilling movie that takes its audience through the mind of a young boy who sees dead people. Cole Sear, played by Osment, is a child who is born with the ability to sense or see the ghosts of people who have died. He also talks with them and can interact as if they were normal, everyday humans, but these same ghosts are haunting him.

Bruce Willis plays Dr. Malcolm Crowe, a child psychologist who tries to help the boy, and at the same time he begins to realize that there is something different about himself. Crowe takes the case of Sear in an almost personal way because of one of his former patients who claimed to have the same problem. The work on that person, Vincent Gray, ends up haunting Crowe in the worst way: Gray grows up, loses his mind completely, and finds Crowe to show him how his work helped. This confrontation ends with Malcolm being shot in the stomach. This ends up being a twist at the end of the movie, which draws most of the loose ends together.

Osment does a magnificent job of playing Cole Sear. The ten-year-old is in fact the scene-stealer throughout the movie. He impressively contrasts his role with the somewhat hard-edged Willis. Without a doubt, this young star will have producers and directors knocking down his door. And the interaction between Osment and Willis added to a terrific story line will have people flocking to this movie to get a glimpse of the sixth sense.

NAPSTER OR NOT

By Derek Fogarty

Many people have Napster or have at least heard about it. It is program that you download onto your computer totally free. Once you have it downloaded, it enables you to get just about any song from any artist you wish. The people who are using Napster don't really care, but the artists who are losing money do care. I just don't understand what all the fuss is about. It's not like people are going to just stop buying their CD's altogether. You can't download a whole CD off Napster. I get impatient just waiting for one song to download. Artists should make the music for the people, because without us who would buy their CD's? After all, recording artists are nothing more than entertainers. If they really want to make money they should lower their CD prices. And really it's not the artists who are worrying about the money; it's their record companies who care. I really don't care about the record company, because God only knows how much money they are already making. If I really like a band I would go out and buy their CD. Again, you can't download a whole CD off Napster; so what is all the fuss about?

A YOUNG GIRL'S FAITH

By Staff Writer

Eighth grade English students discovered much about a world they had not yet been born into when their literature study revealed "The Diary of Anne Frank" in its play form. Students' vocabularies expanded with words like *Third Reich, synagogue, Aryan,* and *Holocaust.* Background study also focused on World War II and the events leading up to Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany.

Students enjoyed reading the play aloud, especially those scenes where male members of a class took on female roles. Bob Bass garnered attention with his portrayal of Anne Frank opposite Michael Kivlan as Peter Van Daan. Rob Murray and Colin Wilson traded lines as did Dustin Broekman, Timmy Kulikowski, Josh Schultz, and Brad Farrar.

Students gave their best efforts in playing the poignant scenes between Anne and Peter. The result was somewhat entertaining but also remindful of the seriousness of the plight faced by the members of the *Secret Annexe,* the few rooms above a warehouse in Amsterdam, Holland. Here these Jewish people tried to live their lives as normally as possible despite the chaos of World War II and Jewish persecution. The limitations imposed on Jews at this time were horrendous, and the Frank and Van Daan families did not find out the real horrors until the Nazis raided their hiding place, and they were sent to different concentration camps.

Here is where their story did not end. Initially the captives were sent to a local camp in Holland. Some two weeks later, they were shipped like cattle, in cattle cars holding up to eighty-five Jews in each car. For three days the train car with one tiny window near the top carried Anne and others. Bathroom accommodations consisted of one community bucket in the corner of the car, and this was just the beginning of the nightmare.

One of the themes of Anne Frank's story is "man's inhumanity to man." Students reflected on the relation of this theme to the people who experienced it. "It relates to the story because the Nazis inflicted unbelievably horrific actions against the Jewish people," said Mason Hester. "This phrase is emphasizing the question: How can people be so cruel to other people?" said Bob Bass.

Students were also asked to imagine the life Anne Frank might have lived had she not died so tragically. "I think she would have moved to Switzerland or possibly the United States so that she could become a professional writer," said Marshall Ticer. Mason Hester pictured an even more interesting life for Anne. "In my opinion, she would have gone to Paris and written a book about her experiences."

Probably the most memorable information learned during this assignment was the remarkable quote that Anne Frank left humanity and the generations that now come to know her story:

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." It is difficult to believe that in the middle of the twentieth century people were treated as less than animals, yet it happened, and the understanding that it could happen again keeps Anne Frank's message alive.

In an interesting twist on Anne's story, students were asked to write a diary entry from the perspective of another of the Secret Annexe occupants. There were many contemplative entries including this one by Andrew Waterman, who has written from the perspective of Mr. Van Daan, friend and business partner of Mr. Otto Frank.

August 4, 1944

It's over. As I write this, I hear the screeching of wheels outside the warehouse that has been our hiding place for over two years. It is so heart wrenching to be taken now into the custody of those genocidal inhuman Nazis! If only my stupid, selfish wife would have left behind some rotting antiques she just *couldn't live without* behind! Then my insolent son, Peter, Petronella, and I would be safe in America or Great Britain. Instead we will be shipped to Poland or some such place.

Otto tells me now that we can live in hope. Why does he say this? He implies we can have hope of life in death camps where even the most faithful person could not cling to shreds of existence in these hell holes.

I can no longer write this would-be conclusion to my life's story. If it is must be that I will not live to tell this story, may someone find this so I do not disappear into nothingness like every single other faceless person dying or dead under the command of the Nazis. Let me live on.

$$¢ STOCK MARKET GAME COMES TO A CLOSE!

By Blake Bilbo

The SSC Stock market game has ended the year. The students were given the packets of game info on Valentines Day, February 14, and were informed how to buy, sell, and manage stock. During that week Mr. Gemelli taught his students the strategy of the stock market.

Each team was made up of four to five people and the captain was given a folder filled with papers such as the New York, American, and the NASDAQ stock exchanges. The folder also contains a game calendar and special scantrons for buying and selling stock.

What is unique about this stock market game is that it actually follows the real-life fluctuating market. Each team was given $100,000 (in imaginary money, of course) and they used it however they liked in the stock market. The objective was simple: whoever made the most profit at the end of the game won. SSC students also were competing to make the most profits in competition against other Mississippi schools.

Many people think the game is a good idea because it helps to teach students to be responsible and careful with the money they earn. It also lets them get some experience in the market in preparation for the real thing. This would definitely be a worth-while tradition for SSC as an extracurricular activity or subject just like football, drama, art, music. etc.

"There are many different strategies when one enters the stock market," says Mr. Gemelli. "Some people buy a popular stock and sit on it as it steadily rises. Other people buy massive amounts of stock in a new company and hope it goes up just a little." Some more good advice that Mr. Gemelli stresses is that the stock market needs to "breathe." That means you shouldn't constantly be buying and selling just because a stock rises or falls a couple of times. That movement should be expected.

Congratulations to Joseph Diggs, who was recently named as the winner in the Senior high division of the Sun-Herald Stock Market Game. Joseph receives a share of Knight-Rider stock and will be recognized in an article in the Sun-Herald.
Also, congratulations to Neil Norton's team who did the best in SSC for the Stock Market Game!

A CLASS TO TAKE

By Garrett Mann

Mrs. Schmidt heads the Marine Science class here at SSC. It is a course that pursues the interest of the marine animals as well as plants. It is a very interesting class that will widen the horizon of education for every young man that takes her class. Labs are another treat that Mrs. Schmidt provides for her students. We go to the beach to find fish for our aquariums. We have also walked along the beach relaxing and observing all the diverse species of plants that inhabit this area. Sure we take some notes, but at the end of the bargain, we come out ahead. This past year we also dissected a dogfish when we were studying sharks. Due to the strong smell it was not a delightful task. In a couple of weeks we are going to take some field trips to some pets stores to buy some more fish for our aquariums. Mrs. Schmidt enjoys teaching her students, and we enjoy "chillin."

SENIORS SHOWCASE THE MAGNOLIA STATE

By Garrett Mann

Senior history classes under the direction of Mr. Dale Moran recently capped off their Mississippi Studies coursework with notable student presentations. "Topics ranged from Stennis to Ingalls to catfish farming to famous Mississippians, to name a few, " said Mr. Moran, "but all related to the state of Mississippi." Many students did field research and made videotapes of their topics which added much in the enjoyment of the presentations and aided listeners in grasping the given information. Ed Flores, for instance, made a tape of Main Street, Bay St. Louis, where he paused at points of interest along the way and elaborated upon them.

Students learned more about the workings of the catfish farming industry, in which Mississippi ranks first in the nation. Travis Fucich traveled to Wiggins, where he interviewed a long-time catfish farmer. Travis videotaped the interview, and it was apparent that there is much that people probably do not know that goes into the successful farming of catfish. Marc Cerisier went to Fort Massachusetts over Easter break in order to research his assignment. His computerized presentation of the Civil War fort clearly showed his efforts. Jordan Blaize produced a video showcase of the life and works of Mississippi artist Walter Andersen. Mississippi writers like William Faulkner and John Grisham were discussed by students Justin Dragna and Mark Berger respectively. Other presentations spotlighted celebrities like Jimmy Buffet, the Marguerita Man himself, and country singer Faith Hill, whose songs continue to top the charts. Both stars were born in the Magnolia State. Josh Schmidt informed students about Mr. Buffet, and T. J. McKeough showed pictures and a music video about Ms. Hill.

Senior Chong Ngow from Thailand interviewed three dormitory students, also from foreign countries, regarding their impressions of Mississippi. Rimmer Covington's presentation focused on the local charter boat fishing industry. And these are just some of the many fine presentations.

Reactions to the presentations were overwhelmingly positive. "This has been the most interesting part of the year," said senior Todd Geary. Mr. Moran had nothing but praise for jobs well done. "I was really impressed with the students who went out into the field and made videotapes to dramatize their topics. A lot of students showed a great deal of initiative in meeting their assignment commitments."

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summer reading requirements, the expansion of A.P courses, and the increased availability of technological resources. The introduction of a formalized service program has given meaningful emphasis to the importance of living out our faith. Our athletic teams' successes and improvements have shown that the Rocks are solid and a force to be reckoned for some time to come. Important planning for upgrading school facilities has begun. In general at the end of this year, I can say that we are better than we were last year, but not as good as we are going to be."
Brother Ronald Hingle shared his thoughts about this school year:
"The 1999-2000 school year has been a terrific, but challenging one. The deaths of Brother Pierre and Brother Anton, as well as the many other trying moments in the lives of our students and faculty and staff members have been difficult for me. Through it all, however, God has been good and the entire SSC community, especially our student nobody, has pulled together and been there to support one another. So, while this year has been filled with many unfortunate situations, they have ultimately strengthened our character, refined our faith, and given us greater hope in and charity towards one another. We have indeed been richly blessed this year!"

BROTHER AUBERT FISHING RODEO PART 2

Rock-A-Chaw Staff member Blake Bilbo poses with other winners of the Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo.

By Blake Bilbo

The SSC Fishing Rodeo was a great success and there was a good turnout as the lines dropped at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

The action continued for six hours as my dad and I fished. We saw many different types of fish being caught, most of which were catfish and white trout. There were a few stingrays and mullet. At the end of the rodeo, many people gathered together to find out about the results.

The winners of the Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo were as follows:

The Biggest Fish Category, Leah Seal took first place with a 6-1/4 pound catch; Litho Rivas, placed second with a 5-pound haul and Jamie Genin came in third with a 3-pound fish. In the Gross Catch category, Blake Bilbo hauled in a total of 12-3/4 pounds to place first. Litho Rivas placed second with 8-1/4 pounds and Leah Seal placed third in this category with 7-3/4 total pounds of fish. Jamie Genin won the Ugliest Fish category with her catch of a stingray.

Congratulations to all who participated in the SSC Fishing Rodeo. I hope that many people will participate next year, so there will be greater competition.

BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART SERVING SSC: BROTHER DAVID LANDRY

By: Patrick Clark

I met with Br. David after school, just before we began our spring break. We made our way into the Art classroom, where we could comfortably hold this interview. Brother was very humble and gave much thought to each question. He was also very sensitive to my developing interviewing skills and gave me plenty of time to write his responses. Even after giving up his free time, Brother told me that if I had anymore questions to give him a call. Thanks, Brother David, for being here at St. Stanislaus and enriching our lives with your presence.

How long have you been here at St. Stanislaus?

"This is my third year at Stanislaus."

What different things have you done around the school?

"I have taught 7th through 9th, Algebra I and Pre-Algebra. I also co-moderate the Key Club with Mrs. Clark, and I am the local contact person for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart's volunteer program for the Bay St. Louis area."

I hear that you will be leaving us next year; where will you be going?

"I will be living and working on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona."

What will you be doing on the reservation and when will you move there?

"I will be teaching in a public school since the closest Catholic School is fifty miles away. I will also be helping Br. John Hotstream on the mission. I plan to leave in July."

Have you been to the reservation or will you be going for your first time this summer?

"I have been to the reservation seven or eight times, on trips during the summer with Br. Charles."

-Would you describe the environment of the reservation as casual or hectic?

"It is very casual, and the people are very friendly. There are many third world conditions, and most people live in trailers or in traditional hogans."

-Do you think you will like the change form the structured environment of SSC to the environment of the reservation?

"Yes," he laughed, "but it will take time. I have to learn how to let go of my present concept of time."

What excites you most about going to the Navajo Nation?

"Two things excite me the most about going to minister with and serve the Navajo people. One is the simple lifestyle, not having all of the amenities that I am used to---like TVs, city establishments, shopping centers, etc. This will enable me to focus more on what is most important, that is, relationships; Relationships with the people, with the land, and with God our Creator. The second thing that I am excited about is the cross-evangelization possibilities. While I am going there to teach, I need to also learn from them about how to live in harmony with God and all of creation. I feel that their traditional world view is an essential ingredient in the process of global transformation."

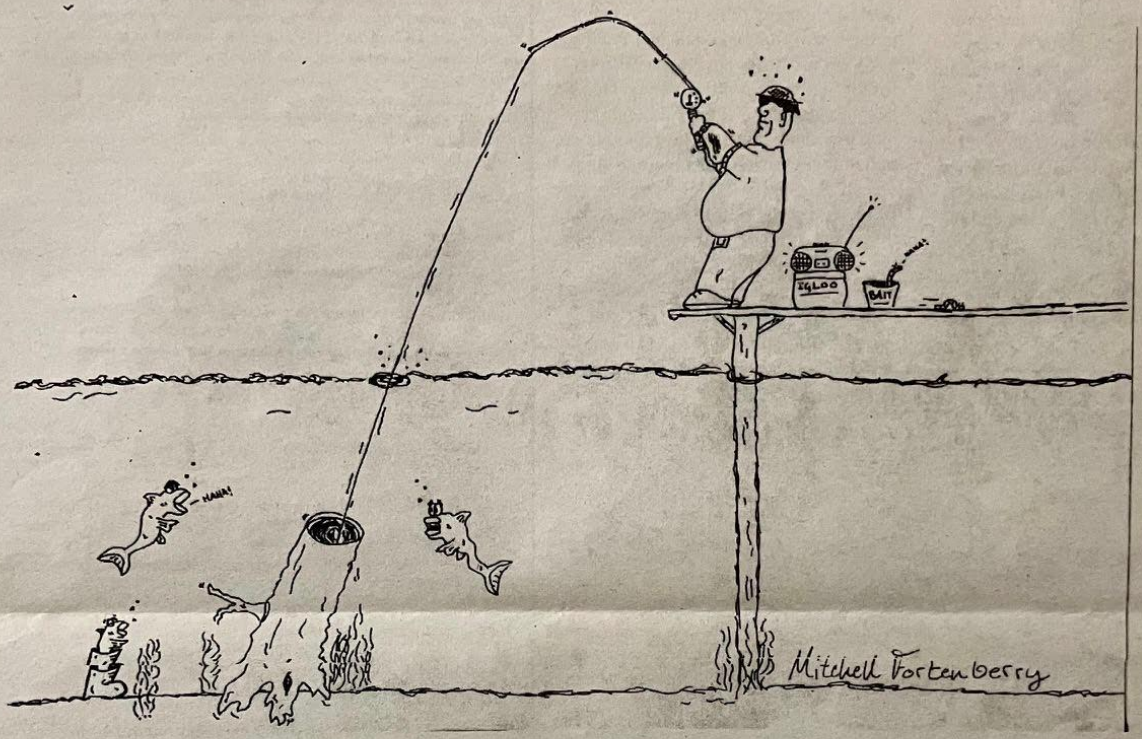
Do know if you will ever return to St. Stanislaus, or at least come back to visit us?

"I would love to! Yes," he answered sincerely, "whenever possible."

Is there any advice that you would like to leave for all of your students, past and present?

"I would recommend that everyone experience a 3rd world country for at least two weeks, to become aware of how eighty percent of the world lives. This will help to distinguish between wants and needs in their own lives. I would encourage SSC students to take advantage of the opportunity that Brother Charles is presenting to go to the reservation to help out."

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER SSC!!!



A LETTER OF THANKS

This year, the Rock-A-Chaw has made many improvements. First of all, a journalism class was offered to all high school students. Second, the new computer lab made working a lot easier and convenient, and most of all, the support of all the student body and faculty has made this paper fairly successful this year. I would like to thank the students of the journalism class who helped on the paper, as well as those who submitted articles and information outside of the classroom. I would also like to thank Brother Charles for his help with photography and Mr. Laiche for his help with the computers. Next, I would like to thank Mrs. Estrade for her help in distributing the paper. Most of all, I would like to thank Mrs. Bradbrook for moderating the organization and making it better every year. Maybe the next school year we will get more students interested in the paper. The more people, the better.

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